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## Announcements

### Heritage Tour Accepting Any VMCCA Eligible Car

There is still time to register for the 2022 Heritage Tour. Since space remains after the September 1 cut- off date, the Tour is now open to Any VMCCA-eligible car (i.e. cars manufactured in 1997 or earlier). Also, a visit has been added to the Model T Museum in Richmond, Indiana, on Friday, October 21, for those who want to stay an extra day after Thursday night's Closing Banquet.

Let your friends know, tour information and the registration application can be found [HERE](#), in the Bulb Horn, and on our VMCCA website.

**Please mail the registration before October 1st.**

Contact Clare Oestreicher, Tour Chairman, for more information and to reserve your spot! (513)608-2478 or [clare-o@fuse.net](mailto:clare-o@fuse.net)

### Invitation to Visit the VMCCA Tent at Hershey Swap Meet October 4 - 6

VMCCA Members and Non-members are invited to stop by the VMCCA tent in space C2C 49 - 50 at the Hershey Swap Meet, October 4-6. This space is near the Universal Tire spaces. Please stop by to say Hi, rest a bit and have a snack.

While you are there you can pay your 2023 dues and if you are not a member sign up. The Mid-Atlantic Region will be there and you can pay those dues too. Hope to see you there.

## Lewis and Clark Tour

## 2022 VMCCA Lewis and Clark Regional Tour August 22 - 27, 2022



### VMCCA Member Cars and Stories

#### VMCCA to the Rescue

**By Carl Worstell**

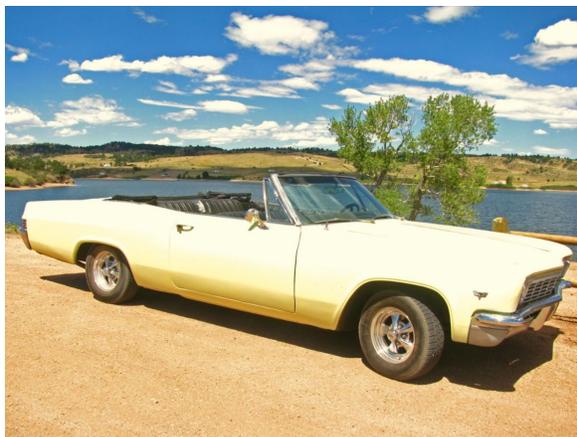
Often, we think of meandering on a cross country tour in our classic cars, but don't get around to actually making such a trip until we are forced to.

The fall of 2015 found my wife, Linda, contemplating retiring from umpteen years' work with the Salt Lake County (Utah) Library system and both of us desiring to move closer to our children. More importantly, we wanted to move closer to our grandchildren. Our daughter, husband and two granddaughters live in New York City but there was no way we were going to move there. Our son, wife and two more granddaughters live in North Carolina. So, the decision to move to North Carolina was easy to make.

Once Linda's decision to retire in June of 2016 was made and the move was eminent, the question arose, "What do we do with the car collection?" Sell cars and start over once we get to North Carolina? NOOOO - too much time and labor had been invested. Ship them to North Carolina? NOOOO - That would be too costly. Drive them to North Carolina, in addition to our modern cars and tent trailer? - 2200 miles - YOWZA! Coming up with some kind of in-between compromise was the only solution.

Fortunately, the VMCCA tour planners came to the rescue. It really worked out well as we were able to combine moving two cars from Utah to North Carolina while participating in VMCCA sponsored national car tours and shipping the two remaining cars.

The first tour that would help us out was the 2016 Okla-Chroma Chrome Glidden tour in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The plan was that I would go on that tour by myself in our 1966 Chevy Impala and then continue on to North Carolina, put the car in storage and fly back to Utah.



This was another of VMCCA's great tours (I have never been on a bad one). One enjoyable part of the tour was that Bill Sullivan was also there by himself in his Mercedes convertible sports car and we traded driving and being a passenger. Bill and I even visited the famous Blue Whale of Catoosa, Oklahoma on Route 66. At the closing banquet we were treated to a performance by a young ventriloquist who went on to win, in 2017, the top prize on *America's Got Talent*.

After the tour was over, I drove from Stillwater to visit in-laws in St. Louis. Of course, I had the top down and one day I ran into a few drops of rain. It did not look like much, so I was not worried – bad thinking. All at once the heavens opened and, in the words of Forest Gump, "One day it started raining, and it didn't quit for four months. We been through every kind of rain there is. Little bitty stingin' rain... and big ol' fat rain. Rain that flew in sideways. And sometimes rain even seemed to come straight up from underneath. Shoot, it even rained at night..." By the time I got to an overpass and could stop and put the top up, I was WET.

The drive from St. Louis to North Carolina was thru some of the Mid-West's beautiful farm country. It was especially nice as there seemed to be an absence of highway billboards. I was treated to my first view of the truly scenic hills and valleys in West Virginia while driving south on Interstate 77. Arriving in North Carolina, I stored the Impala in a warehouse which happens to be only a couple of miles from the house we bought.

The next tour that we would combine with moving to North Carolina was the 2017 Heritage tour in Cody, Wyoming. By this time, we had already moved to our new home, but had left our 1949 Chrysler in storage in Salt Lake City. To attend the Heritage tour, we flew to Salt Lake in August 2017, retrieved the Chrysler from storage, drove on the tour and then drove this basically unrestored car from Wyoming to North Carolina.



The Heritage tour was terrific, and the Wyoming/Montana scenery is something that no one should miss. One on day as were driving from Wyoming to Montana over the Beartooth Pass, another VMCCA member was stopped along the side of the road. He was having a fuel pump problem and was not stopped in a very safe place. I had a tow strap in my trunk and was able to tow him to a turn-out where he could work on his car. I sure wish I had a picture of a 1949 Chrysler towing a 1939 Packard! It turned out that his electronic fuel pump had quit. I happened to have the exact kind of pump on the Chrysler and had a brand new spare in the trunk. Less than an hour later, we were all back on the road. It sure pays to carry some extra parts.

Following the tour, we drove home to North Carolina making the journey without any major problems. One day, on this part of the trip the 2017 solar eclipse was viewable in most of the U.S. We were driving east and south from Lincoln, Nebraska to Kansas City and were right in the path for the best viewing of this natural event. Well, you guessed it. It was overcast and raining so we were only able to read about it in the next day's paper.

All in all, these were two enjoyable trips, and I can now say that because of these and other VMCCA tours, I have driven these two cars from the Pacific to the Atlantic oceans and from the Canadian to the Mexican borders.

If you have not driven clear across the country in your antique/classic car on an extended road trip, you need to. It's a truly wonderful way to see the expanse and variety of the country. Combine it with a VMCCA tour, stop along the way for other sightseeing, and check it off your bucket list.

## 2022 Tours and Events

### Tour Calendar

Registration Forms for 2022 and 2023 tours will be posted on the VMCCA website, in the Bulb Horn Magazine, and in The Touring Chronicle as they become available. Please check frequently!

The Heritage Tour  
October 16 - 20, 2022  
Cincinnati, Ohio

[Registration form is available HERE](#)

### 2023 Tours and Meetings

84th Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet,  
February 6-8, 2023,  
Reno, NV, Lee Wilkes,  
[huplocator@charter.net](mailto:huplocator@charter.net)

[Registration form is available HERE](#)

41st Chrome Glidden Tour  
April 16 - 20, 2023  
Fredericksburg, TX.

Registration Begins  
Jan 2, 2023

### Tour Fliers and Registration Links

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**Registration form is available Here**

**Heritage Tour  
September 10 - 16, 2023  
Newport News, Virginia**

**77th Revival AAA Glidden  
Tour  
October 22 - 27, 2023  
Thomasville, Georgia**



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**OCTOBER 16-20, 2022  
WEST CHESTER, OHIO**

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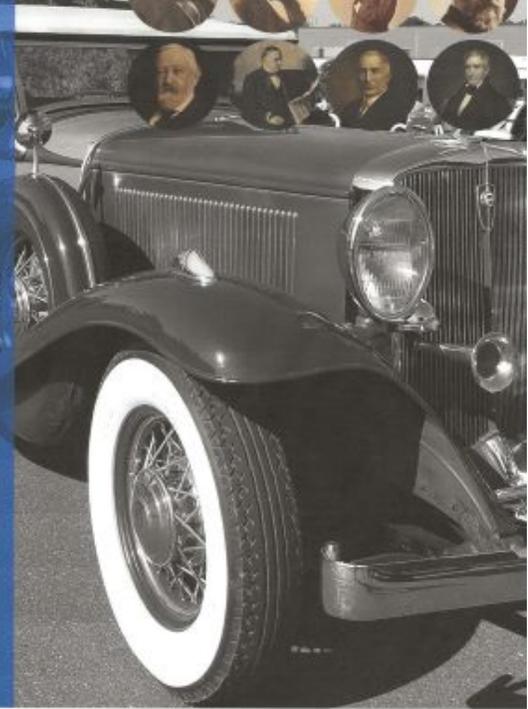
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Preference given to vehicles  
manufactured before 1955.  
Limit 50 vehicles.

President images: National Portrait Gallery,  
Smithsonian Institute, Donald D. Bush

# HERITAGE TOUR

**OHIO: THE MOTHER OF PRESIDENTS**





## Ohio: The Mother of Presidents

The Vintage Motor Car Club of America  
Heritage Tour - October 16-20, 2022



West Chester, Ohio (just north of Cincinnati)

"More of our country's Presidents come from Ohio than from any other state. Eight of 46 American Presidents were elected from the Buckeye State, earning Ohio the nickname, 'The Mother of Presidents.'" -Secretary of State Frank LaRose (William Henry Harrison was born in the then-colony of Virginia, but he called Ohio home when he was elected.)

This tour will take in sites connected with the four Presidents from southwest Ohio, William Henry Harrison (1841), Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877), Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893), and William Howard Taft (1909-1913), plus other places of interest to old-car fans.

Sunday, October 16: Registration, self-guided tours, Opening Banquet at our host hotel

Monday, October 17: Governor Bebb Park, the Salty Dog car Museum and shop, the Harrison Symmes Museum, and Wm. H. Harrison's Tomb, with a picnic lunch at Shawnee Lookout Park, on land Harrison owned



Tuesday, October 18: Grant's Boyhood Home, Schoolhouse, and related sites in Georgetown, Ohio. Lunch at the Methodist church the Grants attended. Our longest day of driving (about 120 miles round trip)

Wednesday, October 19: The Wm. Howard Taft Historic Home and the Taft Museum of Art in Cincinnati. Box lunches served at the Art Museum. (We may rent buses this day.)



Thursday, October 20: Doughnut-making demonstration at our hotel, visit to the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting, and Closing Banquet at our host hotel



Friday, October 21: optional tour to Oxford, OH for those who want to stay another day

**Tour limited to 50 cars or 100 persons**    **Preference given to cars manufactured in 1954 or before.**

Tour Director/Registrar:  
Clare Oestreicher  
[clare-o@fuse.net](mailto:clare-o@fuse.net)  
(513)608-2478  
Registration cancellation/refund  
Deadline: September 15, 2022

Host Hotel:  
Marriott Cincinnati North (Union Centre Blvd. off I-75)  
6189 Muhlhauser Rd., West Chester, OH 45069  
Jennifer McKenzie, Sales Mgr.(problems only) 513-645-4692  
Vintage Motor Car Club of America grp.rate \$129/night  
Link: [Book your group rate for Vintage Motor Car Club of America](#)

Look Here for Registration form

Look HERE for Printable Daily Tour  
Agenda

# 2023 Tours and Events

**EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!!**

**84<sup>th</sup> VMCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING & AWARDS BANQUET  
WILL BE IN RENO, NV. FEBRUARY 6-8<sup>TH</sup>, 2023.**

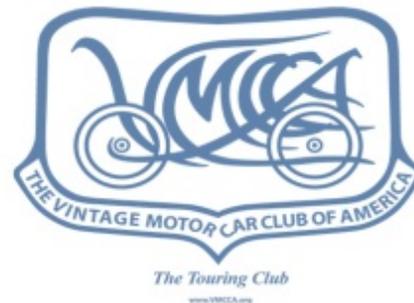


HOST HOTEL & MEETING LOCATION: PEPPERMILL RESORT SPA CASINO  
2707 S. VIRGINIA ST. RENO, NV 89502 (800) 282-2444 or PEPPERMILLRENO.COM  
Hotel Room Reservation link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50305105>

Three different room rates are available

The Room Rates will only be available till **January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

MEETING HOSTS: LEE & LANI WILKES (775) 530-7680 or [sparechange49@yahoo.com](mailto:sparechange49@yahoo.com)



**OVERVIEW:**

Monday, 2-06-23, registration 2p-5pm. Welcome Buffet, Cash Bar, Hospitality Room.  
Tuesday, 2-07-23, 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Board meeting, Lunch at National Automobile Museum then visiting until 5pm. Dinner on your own, Hospitality Room later.  
Wednesday, 2-08-23, Membership and 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. meeting, lunch on your own, free afternoon (ski, sightsee, gamble, nap) till 5:30p, then bar, Choice dinner with awards presentations'.  
Wednesday afternoon would be perfect for visiting the Peppermill's excellent Spas.  
Registration information will be available in May-June 2022 Bulb Horn.

**Extra! Extra! 84<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting Reno, NV. February 6-8, 2023**

Look HERE for Registration Form



# TEXAS: WILDFLOWERS, SPIRITS, HISTORY

## 41st CHROME GLIDDEN TOUR April 16-20, 2023, Fredericksburg, TX

-Hosted by the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club

-Preference given to 1935- 1998 vehicles

-Limited to 100 cars

-Registration begins January 2, 2023

**Registration:** Sunday, April 16, 2023, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m., Hangar Hotel Officers Club

**Opening Banquet:** Hangar Hotel Conference Center, 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

**Monday:** Drive along country roads to see wildflowers, Enchanted Rock, Gillespie County Country Schools, and Willow City Loop. Coffee stop and lunch included.

**Tuesday:** Fredericksburg Day. Visit a private vintage car collection, visit the Museum of the Pacific War, drive the streets of Fredericksburg to see Sunday Houses and go shopping, enjoy a hamburger supper with the Freshman Graduation, and dance awhile to a live band. Lunch is on your own in one of the many restaurants on Main Street.

**Wednesday:** Tour country roads to famous Luckenbach, Texas. Head to Blanco where you can walk through the Old County Courthouse, shop antiques, have lunch and travel back in time to the Old West at the Buggy Barn Museum.

**Thursday:** Follow country roads to Johnson City, TX for a coffee stop, and then to 290 Wine Highway with lunch on your own along the way back to Fredericksburg. The **Closing Banquet** will be held at the Hangar Hotel Conference Center beginning with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Awards and door prizes.

**Host Hotel:** Hangar Hotel, 155 Airport Rd, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, 830-997-9990, \$129.00 + taxes/night, "vintage car club 2023", Age 18 and over, no pets. 50 rooms until March 16, 2023. Trailer parking will be here. Saturday night rate is \$199.00 + taxes. Breakfast of coffee, juice, scones.

**Partner Hotel:** LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 1465 E. Main St, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, 830-990-2899, \$139.00 + taxes/night, "vintage car club 2023", pets and children allowed, rate held until March 25, 2023. 4.5 miles from Host Hotel. NO trailer parking here. Saturday rate is \$289.00. Breakfast included.

**RV Park:** Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, 3416 S. St Hwy 16, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, 830-997-4202, call for rates and space. Across from the airport.

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Look HERE for registration form

# VMCCA 2023

## Heritage Tour

### “Where We Began”

Newport News, Virginia

September 10-16, 2023

#### Highlights

- Jamestown Settlement
- Williamsburg
- American Revolution  
Museum at Yorktown
- Fort Monroe
- Plantations
- Mariners' Museum
- Local foods  
including ice cream

Preference given to vehicles  
1954 and older.

Limited to 60 vehicles.

#### Mid-Atlantic Region

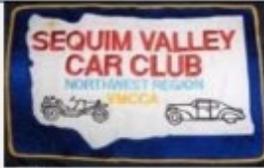


**Tour Chairmen**  
James & Becky Woodall  
757-641-1021  
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Jamestown Settlement's *Susan Constant* under sail in the Chesapeake Bay. Courtesy of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, [jymuseums.org](http://jymuseums.org)

**Region and Chapter Newsletters**  
**Articles of Interest**

# Touring Talk



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**Meetings:** **General potluck dinner meetings** are held the 3rd Monday of each month at the Elks Lodge, Sequim, 143 Port Williams Road, 6 pm, 360-683-2763. July (Club picnic) excluded & December (Christmas meeting) requires advance signup. **Board meetings** are held at 6:30 pm the Thursday before the monthly general meeting at locations to be announced.

**Wednesday breakfast, a club sponsored tradition:** All SVCC members are invited. See newsletter for details.

**[Continue Reading Sequim Valley Car Club, September 2022](#)**

# The Gas Line

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Yellowstone Fly-In – September 17<sup>th</sup>

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## President's Corner

Hi y'all,

August has whizzed past. We had a great activity going to Bone for lunch on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The response was overwhelming.

Let's keep it up and have a great tour to Island Park and West Yellowstone in September. I want to thank Joy Eagle, Bob Thompson, and Dawn Schwartzenberger for their help in planning this tour in such a short time.

Hope to see you at our regular meeting at 7p.m. on September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Activity Center and our Regional Tour starting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. I'm excited for both.

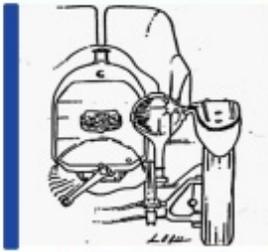
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**The Old Crank**



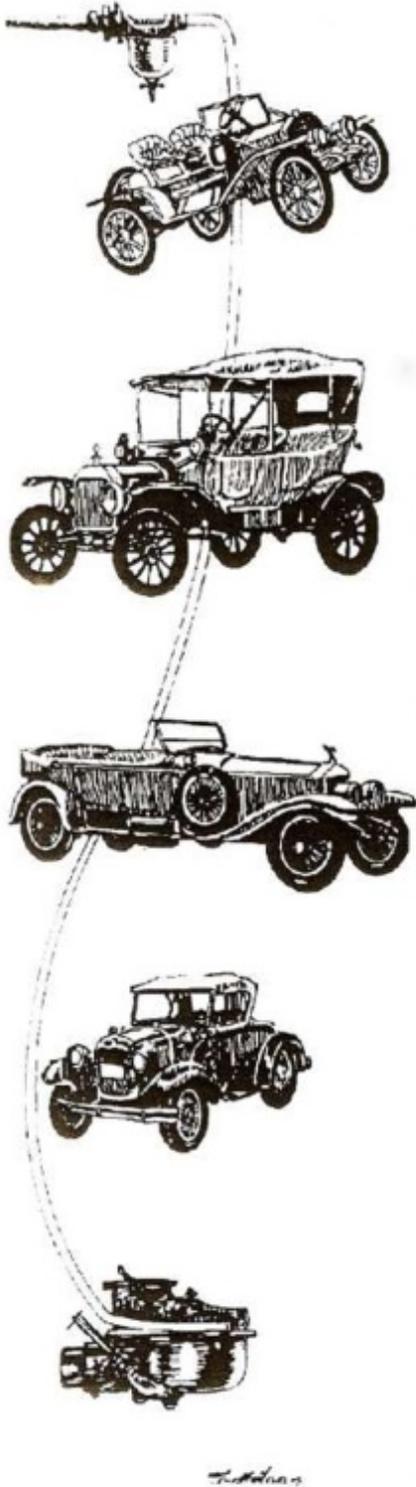
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**FALL IS IN THE AIR**

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**The Studebaker Lark is a budget-friendly slice of the '60s**



Courtesy Robin Trajano /MotorTrend

John L. Stein  
22 September 2022

If the Aston Martin DB5 is to James Bond what the Yugo is to Rodney Dangerfield, then what's the Studebaker Lark?

Judging by the company's sponsorship of a popular 1960s family TV comedy, it's Mister Ed, as in the talking horse. Regardless, Studebaker was a genuine player in its time, and the 1959–66 Lark embraced innovations that continue today—all on an impressive budget.

"Studebaker developed the original 1959 Lark from its older Champion and Commander models, and much of these earlier designs lingers [sic] on in the Daytona," wrote Car Life about the new Lark Daytona convertible in its April 1962 issue. That meant trouble from the get-go, considering the rapid progress of the Big Three. "To begin with, the car is quite heavy for its size," the test revealed. "The Lark is the only compact with a separate body and frame. Add to this the bulk of a V-8 engine ... (and) in tight turns, the front end plowed badly."

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# The Steering Column

## Behind the Wheel

Hello Members:

Another month almost gone. We had a nice meeting Aug. 17th. Thank you everyone for coming. We were discussing things to do in the future and places to go that everyone might want to do this fall. We will see about going to several museums. Gunnison and Montrose and possibly the car museum in Ranglely.

If you have any other suggestions let Alex or myself know. Alex is busy making wine at the moment.

The club will be in the Fruita Fall Festival Parade Sept. 24th at 10 A.M. We will meet at the same location as last year. You can call Jerry Wilds for directions.

Upcoming events are:

Sept. 24th Fruita Fall Festival Parade. Time is 10 A.M

Oct. 1st Cedaredge Applefest (details later).

I will try to set up another meeting date and time. The calling committee will be contacting you. Enjoy the month of September; the months are flying by.

Jenny Thrailkill

**Colorado West Chapter VMCCA**

**[Continue Reading Colorado West Chapter, September 2022](#)**

## HIGHLIGHTS **SEPTEMBER TOUR**



### **September 17, 2022** — by *Kresta Faaborg*

We all met up at exit 8 in Spearfish on a perfect early fall morning. We had some time to visit, catch up, and get some coffee and a cookie or two. Then we were off!! There were 10 cars, which had 20 people (16 members and 4 guests).

We traveled north to Belle Fourche, then made our way west to Devil's Tower Gulch where we could look at Devil's Tower and enjoy more conversation and a great meal! After we finished up eating, some folks went into the Monument while others traveled home.

I want to thank everyone for coming today for a great day and a great ride!!



## UPCOMING **OCTOBER TOUR**

**Day:** Saturday      **Date:** **Oct 8, 2022**      **Time:** 9am Meet in **Spearfish** (Exit 14) at the parking lot in front of Home Source (behind Perkins)

**Tour:** **View Private Car Collection in Spearfish**  
**Tour Western Heritage Center** (cost is \$10 per person for group less than 10 or \$5 per person for group of 10+)

**Lunch:** Perkins Restaurant in Spearfish

**Tour (cont'd):** Spearfish Canyon for fall colors; through Deadwood to Central City to Pizza Lab for an Ice Cream Social

**Hosts:** Rod & Kay Fuhrer      **RSVP:** **By Sat, Oct 1, 2022**—[fuhrer@rushmore.com](mailto:fuhrer@rushmore.com) or 605-391-4489

## GOLD DUST MEETINGS

November	Meeting		
December	Meeting		

## CLUB BUSINESS

### **Treasurer's Report** — by *Jan Skott, Club Treasurer*

*(Not available at time of publication)*

## MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

- Oct 11 . . . . . Bill Kuhl
- Oct 15 . . . . . Mike Smaydy
- Oct 20 . . . . . Kay Mentele
- Oct 21 . . . . . Ron Blessing
- Oct 21 . . . . . Paul Larson



### Anniversaries

- Oct 3 . . . . . Brad & Bonnie Jo Exton
- Oct 8 . . . . . John & Kay Mentele

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**"Lone Ranger" is the sole survivor of a century-old Texas fraud scheme**



In the nefarious business of cons, you might think that creating a phony car company to swindle people, even going so far as to build about 60 real cars, would be a lot more work than, say, selling nonexistent Florida real estate. Building cars is expensive and difficult. Just ask Preston Tucker, Malcolm Bricklin, and John DeLorean. (Well, you can only ask Bricklin, but you get the point.)

Pulling such a scam must have been easier before the information age, as in 1974 when enigmatic fraudster Liz Carmichael (the fugitive counterfeiter formerly known as Jerry Dean Michael) bilked investors out of \$6M for an imaginary three-wheeled wonder car called the Dale. Imagine, then, how easy it might have been to toss an automotive fraud scheme into a pool of hungry cash-fat sharks in 1920, when each year welcomed several new carmakers while bidding farewell to others.

That year alone, at least 40 new makes entered the arena, with names like Adelpia, Economy-Vogue, Kenworthy, and Wasp. Two others, Alsace and Lorrain, were separate companies with no French connection. Duesenberg became the best known from the class of '20, and pretty much the only one anyone remembers.

## **Along came a Ranger**

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# FREDERICKSBURG VINTAGE CAR CLUB

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2022



## RUMBLESEAT CHATTER

AUGUST 2022



The Starting Club

### “I Love A Parade...”

photos by Colleen Brezden, Jane Drynan, Jolene Keefer and Liz Lindig

...and so does FVCC, if participation in the Fredericksburg annual Independence Day Parade is any indication. Once again, the club showed up in large numbers with highly-decorated cars and trucks. Though the day was plenty warm, of the 15 club cars in the parade, all but three finished; one had a flat tire and two overheated. Rather than embarrass those club members, we will leave them unnamed. If you were in or at the parade, you probably know who they are, anyway...

Besides the club contingent, FVCC members appearing separately in the parade included George and Alice Hahn in their 1928 Packard, “Miss Eloise,” and Jim and Debbie Atkerson, representing the Morning Rotary Club of Fredericksburg in their 1963 Cadillac Convertible. But enough verbiage; how about we let the pictures tell the story?



Lined up and ready to go on San Antonio Street.



Doug Reaves and Pete Delforge lead the way in Doug's '41 Ford Pickup...



...right ahead of Shawn Reaves and Carol Lee in Shawn's 1955 Thunderbird...



...and Lawrence and Grace Calvetti in their 1964 Mercury Comet Cyclone.

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#### Upcoming Events

**August 2:** Club Meeting, 7:00 pm, Golden Hub Community Center

**August 12:** Board Meeting, 1:30 pm, Fredericksburg Airport Terminal Conference Room

**August 28:** FVCC Day Tour and “Forever Plaid” at FBG Theater Co.

**September 6:** Club Meeting, 5:45 pm, Kroc Center, Kerrville

**September 16:** FVCC Day Tour to Paint Rock

#### This Month's Featured Member Car

Curtis Weirich's 1951 Mercury Sedan



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## 15 Great Project Vehicles

These vintage cars and trucks are reasonably priced, relatively easy to restore, and fun to own.

A Northern Colorado Chapter member brought about 4 years of editions of the *Auto Restorer* magazine to a monthly meeting. The *Auto Restorer* is a how-to guide for car and truck enthusiasts that is not currently published. No one wanted to take them. My thought was, there must be something I could use in a Touring Chronicle article in a few of them.

The following list of 15 vintage vehicles is taken from the June 2004 edition. The Magazine article is 4 pages long. It highlights several of the same considerations found in the article "Before you dive into a restoration, read this" article in last month's Chronicle. [Read Here](#)

We all have heard or told stories of the cars we owned and sold or could have owned. Sometimes just because we loved them. Other times because of the value of a similar car today. The list of 15 is not meant to be complete or in order of importance or value. Something to think about, did the author of this article, Richard Prince, miss any? What car or truck would you put on your list today that will be important 18 years from 2022.

- 1967 - 72 Camaros/Firebirds
- 1966 - 72 Chevelle
- 1955 - 57 Chevrolet
- 1960s and earlier Chevrolet Pickups
- 1970 -74 Dodge Challenger/Plymouth Barracuda
- 1956 - 72 Corvettes
- 1966 - 70 Dodge Chargers
- Ford Model A
- 1960s and earlier Ford Pickups
- Pontiac GTOs
- Jaguar XK 120/140/150
- Vintage Jeeps
- 1965 - 73 Mustangs
- 1955 - 66 Thunderbirds
- Volkswagen Beetle

This 1971 Plymouth Barracuda is on the list. David Setterland submitted the article several years ago. The artwork is from the Jack Pumphrey collection.



### " 1971 Plymouth Barracuda "

For 1971, the Plymouth Barracuda sales fell sharply by close to 60% from the year before. Stiff competition from Ford Mustang and the assorted models built for speed by General Motors cut into the Cuda revenues. It was so bad, Plymouth stopped producing Cuda convertibles after 1971. Many feel the general public drastically under rated the 1971 Barracuda models.

The Barracuda could be bought with many different packages, from a slant six for drivers not in a hurry, to people who wanted a little power with either a 318 cubic inch or a 383 with a four barrel carburetor. The adventurous driver could get a 440c.i. with a 6 pack carburetor producing 390 horsepower at 4700 RPM, or go all the way for a 426 Hemi rated at 424 horsepower at 5,000 RPMs.

The Plymouth Division used hood scoops painted flat black to cut out sun glare. Many states around the country also made it mandatory for all school buses to have flat black painted hoods to eliminate the glare. Rear window shutters was an extra one could buy to try and cut down on the heat produced from the sun shining in the large back windows laying more flat. Ford Torino and Mercury Cougar sold many sport models in the late 60s and early 70s with the rear window shutters.

\* The illustrated Barracuda being multi colors had to be special order as the factory offered only a certain choice of interior and exterior colors. Interestingly there were only eleven 1971 Plymouth Barracuda models built with factory option Hemi engines. Today in the collector world they sell for more than almost any other muscle car with the only exception possibly being a Corvette with the L-88 engine option. In the past the Cuda-Hemi have auctioned over \$1,000,000 each time they come up.

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## **AutoRestorer: A long history**

AutoRestorer began publication in the late 80's as a bi-monthly magazine for the auto restoration enthusiast. Through the roughly 30 years of print, the magazine often changed form and cadence, but it never wavered from its mission of being a top notch resource for the auto restoration enthusiast. Such consistency and high quality content of the publication can largely be attributed to long time editor, Ted Kade.

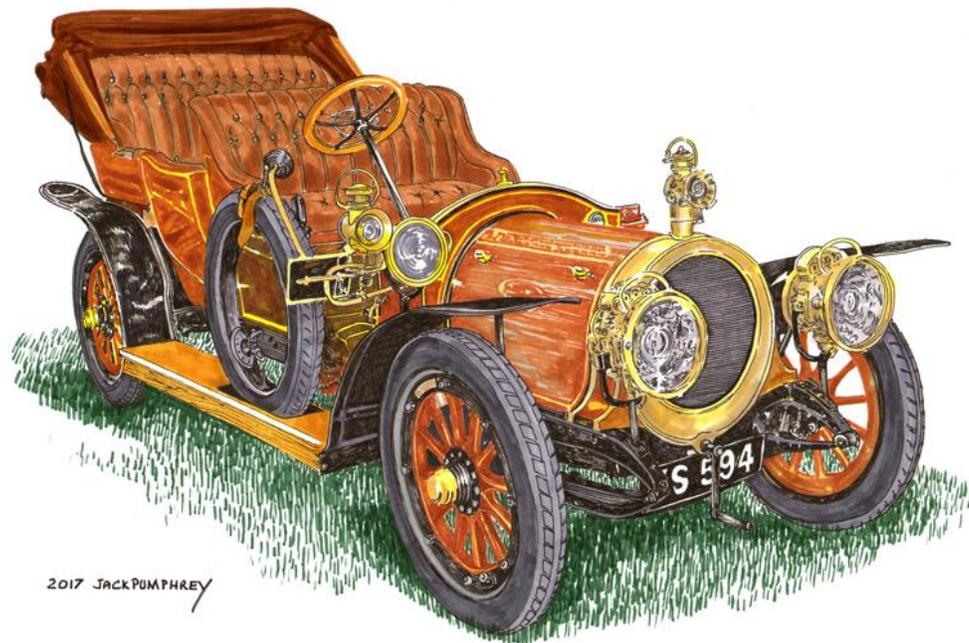
Unfortunately due to business reasons, AutoRestorer was forced to cease publication in February of 2020.

## **The future of AutoRestorer**

Currently, AutoRestorer is not publishing new articles, but is focused on bringing all our old content online. We hope to soon understand what demand exists for auto restoration content, and if such demand can support a reinstatement of publishing.

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## **Delaunay-Bellville, French Built Luxury Automobile**



## 1911 DELAUNAY-BELLEVILLE

Submitted by David Setterland

The 1911 Delaunay-Belleville was a French luxury automobile manufactured at Saint-Denis, France, north of Paris. At the beginning of the 20th century they were among the most prestigious cars produced in the world, and perhaps the most desirable French marque.

The first French car maker to offer a six-cylinder engine, Delaunay-Belleville's 70 horsepower, became available only in 1909, and then only in small numbers, remaining in limited production until 1912.

This model came to be known as the Type SMT, or Sa Majesté le Tsar, because Russian Czar Nicholas purchased one of the last 70s horsepower built.

The Czar also ordered another in 1909; the demand for a silent starter, operable from the driving seat, became known as a Barbey starter. The starter was made standard at the end of 1910.

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**Our September Activities are:**

**September 17th – Tuachan Show & Lunch.**  
**September 24th - Cottonwood Station Lunch**

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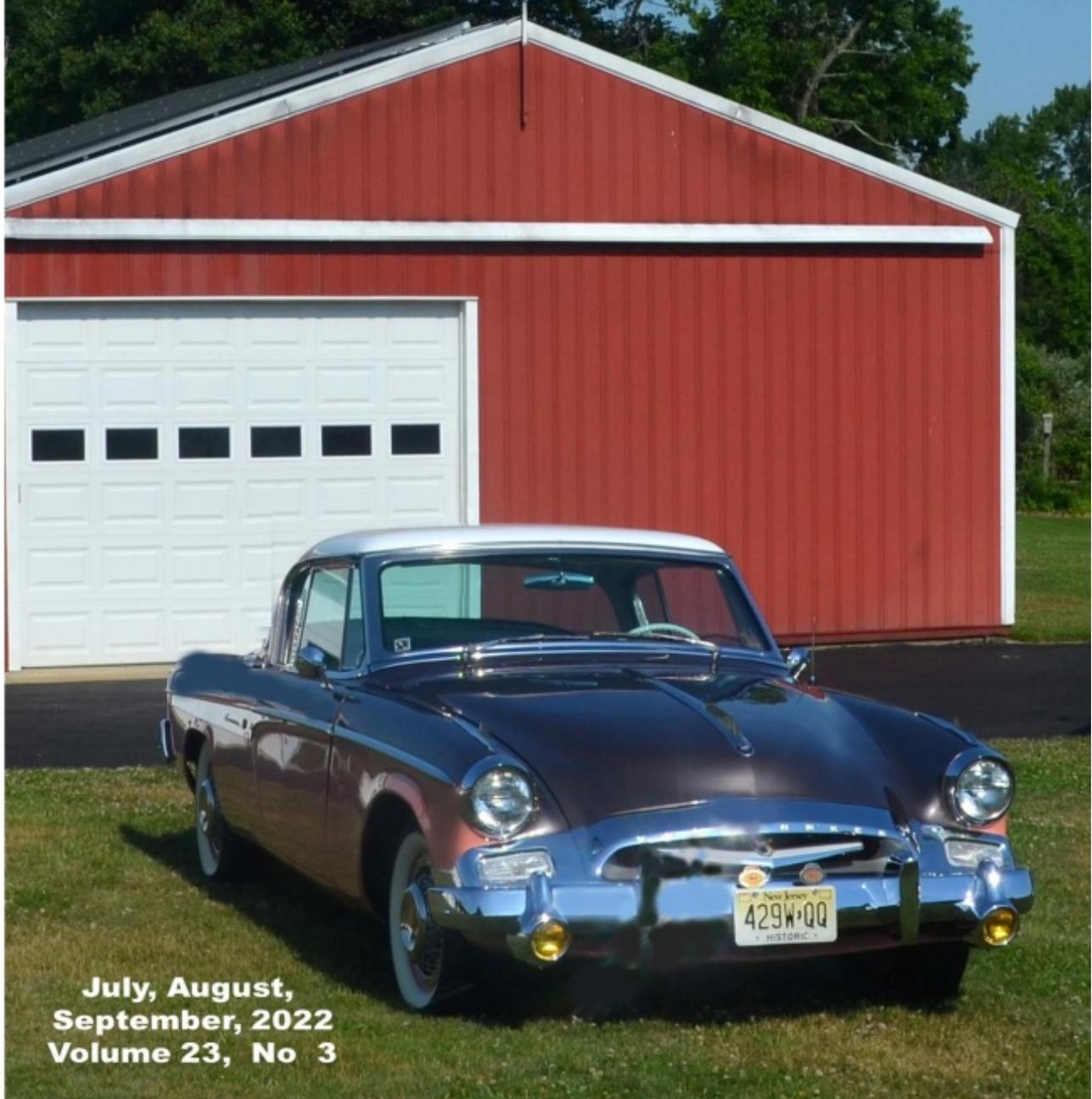
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# GLR NEWS

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## 71st Annual Great Lakes Region Tour July 31 to August 4, 2022

Text & photos submitted by Dave Plassman - Defiance Chapter

The 71<sup>st</sup> GLR Tour began Sunday afternoon with registration in the Hospitality Room of the Hampton Inn, Defiance, Ohio. We had 78 cars registered w/26 different makes, and 158 participants from 12 different states, as far away as Nevada. The afternoon was busy parking cars, trailers, motor homes, and passing out tour books. The opening banquet was at the VFW Hall in downtown Defiance, where we had a great meal. Our GLR Director John Zimmerman gave the opening speech welcoming tour members.

Monday morning, we headed south to the Paulding County Senior Center for morning coffee and snacks which included muffins, donuts, fresh fruit, and warm homemade bread pudding. Driving on to Van Wert, Ohio, for our visit to Smiley Park, master gardeners were ready to give tours of their individual garden set-ups. We even took a look inside the Butterfly House. Next, on to the Central Mutual Insurance Company's fire museum. This recently reopened highlight was a great addition to our tour plans. The Insurance Co. employees gave guided tours of the museum and answered

1. *Above:* John Tarleton's 1920 Essex Touring and Jack & Barb Stover's 1930 Model A Ford at The Standard Oil Dealer on the 1920s Main Street at Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio.
2. *Right:* Tom & Cindy Myers' 1928 Dodge Coupe at Sunday's Market & Ice Cream Parlor in Pettisville, Ohio.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September

Wednesday, September 7th  
Black Swamp Meeting

September 13-15th  
Summit City Fall Tour

Saturday, September 17th  
Cars & Coffee ACD Museum

Saturday, September 24th  
GLR Picnic + Meeting

### October

October 4-7th  
Hershey Swap Meet

Wednesday, October 5th  
Black Swamp Meeting

October 16-22nd  
VMCCA Heritage Tour



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**Stay Healthy and keep on  
driving your vintage cars.**

**See Ya Down the Road !**



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### **The VMCCA Page on Facebook!**

**Facebook has become an extremely popular social networking site, reportedly having more than 5.0 billion users. That is something like 40% of people on the planet! There is no doubt that it is a great tool for keeping in touch with people and organizations in a way that was undreamed of and impossible just a few years ago.**

**Our Facebook page is becoming more and more popular. It really is becoming a forum with many active contributors.**

**So join! Contribute! Make it a forum for all things VMCCA.**

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